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PAUL'S NOTE

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- * Transportation 101: The Ward 2 office will host a public forum on transportation issues on March 11, 5:30—7:00.

I would stun none of you to learn that the condition of our city's roads is the most frequent complaint I get from constituents. It could be a pothole on the ride to work, a bumpy road in the neighborhood or too many weeds on a median.

I've given a lot of well deserved credit to Daryl Cole, and I want to do that again. He's dealing with a tough situation given our budget and the condition of our roads. Even so, he's been very responsive when my office has come to him with constituent concerns.

To make sure you are hearing from the transportation department and, more

importantly, so they hear from you, my staff and I have put together a forum we are calling Transportation 101. It will be at the Ward 2 council office (7575 E Speedway) on March 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

We have invited transportation officials in to give an overview of some of the bigger projects in the ward (Houghton Road, Kolb/Sabino Canyon) as well as neighborhood paving. They will also give a run down on how these projects get planned, funded and scheduled.

Since I know it's a question at the front of your mind, I have spoken to Mr. Cole about the stretch of

Broadway east of Camino Seco. As I've said before, the road is scheduled to be completely re-done by the RTA. Unfortunately, it was originally scheduled for 2017. Given the number of people that use the road and the condition it is in, that is unacceptable to many of you.

We have gotten the RTA to move it up in their schedule. The question for us at the city is what sort of repairs are worth making on a road that is about to get torn up. The road is in such poor condition right now that many of the sorts of temporary repairs that you see done on other streets are impractical. My office has been in touch

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with the Transportation Department constantly about this, and they are looking for a solution.

People don't always know who to call when they run into an issue in the community, so they will call my office and my staff will have to figure out who else they need to call. When people call my office with issues with Tucson Electric Power, we refer the calls to Besty Bolding.

She's been very responsive to complaints and concerns from the public when we send them her way, which is why I was a bit sad to hear that she will be retiring from her position at TEP at the end of the month.

Betsy started her career as a teacher, but has also been a journalist and ran Bruce Babbitt's Southern Arizona office.

She's also involved in many community projects. I hope that retirement from her day job doesn't mean retirement from the tremendous work she does for organizations like the Mayor's Commission on Poverty, Arizona Public Media, Women's Studies Advisory Committee and the Loft Cinema.



CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Charter Review Committee has been meeting to make recommendations regarding possible changes to the City of

Tucson Charter. The Committee is seeking input and recommendations from the citizens of Tucson regarding these changes to the Charter.

The Committee will hold two Public Hearings on:

March 10, 2015

El Pueblo Neighborhood Center

101 W. Irvington Road

5:00 p.m.

March 12, 2015

Morris K. Udall Regional Center

7200 E. Tanque Verde Road

5:00 p.m.

The comment period for the Committee will end on March 20, 2015.

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Broadway Intersection Improvements: Project is complete.

Broadway Intersection Park & Ride: The contract started on Sept. 2. We have had a few setbacks on this project, but we are continuing to make progress.

The rains (and snow) we have experienced since the new year have held up our paving. Initially we were waiting for the fill material to dry out, and had to re-work some of it to facilitate the drying. Then just as we got it where we wanted it, it rained again, and then again. Finally, we are scheduled to pave this Saturday, Monday and Tuesday with the weather forecast in full cooperation.

We are wrapping up the last of the sidewalk work and landscaping. We did have to get some unexpected sign code permitting approvals on the monument signs for the Park and Ride entrance, but those permits are well on their way to final approvals.

We are still trying to get the prefab Sun Tran bus driver office/restroom building ordered. There were some additional unexpected permitting issues here as well, but those have been ironed out, and now we are just waiting for the final building drawing adjustments from the contractor so we can order it. There is a long lead time for this item, so there may be a period of time where there might not be any activity on the site, but we want to assure you it will all come together.

Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street: We were hoping to have this project in full swing by now. Unfortunately, some of the right of way acquisitions are taking longer than we anticipated. While we work on these last few right of way issues, we have been moving forward with the contract negotiations and procurement paperwork to get this project going. We are now looking to start work in March, but may have to adjust that depending on the acquisition and procurement process. We still plan to construct this project in 18 months or less.

The utilities have relocated and the only item left is the removal of a few of Tucson Electric Power's old poles. Some of these will be removed as soon as the power for our Houghton and 22nd Street intersection is switched over to our new location. This work is currently in progress.

Art: Our artists are working on their concept designs and we hope to hear from them soon as to when we can see what they are proposing. We will keep you posted on this.

Street Lighting on Houghton: We heard everyone's concerns at our open house covering lighting, and we have been doing a lot of research and adjusting our LED lighting accordingly. We are currently looking to reduce the 3500K LED lighting level to 3000K, and will have more information as we coordinate the implementation of our lighting policy.

We thank everyone that took the time to share their concerns covering lighting, and we want you to know we are listening and making some changes where we can.

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

AARP Tax Aide: AARP will offer free tax help at the Udall Recreation Center, 7200 E. Tanque Verde Rd. from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning February 2, 2015 through April 15, 2015.



PARKS PROGRAMS

Spring 2015 Leisure Classes: The Spring classes run through May 9, 2015. The deadline to register was Tuesday, December 23rd. Watch for the Summer 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog to be available on Monday, April 20, 2015; It will be available for free pick-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities and it can be viewed on-line at www.ezeereg.com Contact the Registration Office at 791-4877 for additional information.

Summer 2015 Lifeguard Recruitment: The Parks and Recreation Department is recruiting lifeguards for Summer 2015. On-line applications and recruitment process are available at www.tucsonaz.gov Click on JOBS. Applicants must be at least 15 year old at time of hire, Experienced swimmer and available to work required hours/locations, American Red Cross certification in CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, American Red Cross certification in First Aid Basics, and American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification. For questions or assistance for completing any of the above mentioned lifeguard certification requirements, contact 791-4245.

Junior Staff in Training Program: The Junior Staff in Training program provides teens with an experience aimed at improving leadership skills and preparing teens ages 14-17 for possible future employment in the field of recreation.

Program requirements include a mandatory interview (takes place the week of March 16-20, 2015). Call Mike Davis at 837-8137 to schedule the interview by March 11, 2015, paying a registration cost (\$70 City Residents/\$889 Non-city Residents), and attending orientation prior to start of program

Tucson Parks and Recreation Spring 2015 Softball Leagues: The Tucson Parks and Recreation Spring 2015 Softball League season begins March 23, 2015. Walk-in registration runs through March 6, 2015 at the Clements Recreation Center/Sports Unit, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive, 791-4870.

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for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need**

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/
Dance Equipment**

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

